

An optical scanning apparatus includes a laser unit formed by integrating a semiconductor laser and collimator lens, an incident optical system for making

5 a light beam emerging from the laser unit strike an  
optical deflector while keeping the light beam wider  
than the width of a deflecting surface of the optical  
deflector in the main scanning direction, and an  
imaging optical system for forming the light beam  
10 reflected/deflected by the optical deflector into an  
image on a scanned surface. The laser unit is shifted  
by a shift adjusting means in a predetermined direction  
with respect to the optical axis of the incident  
optical system so as to make an illuminance  
15 distribution of scanning lines on the scanned surface  
become substantially symmetrical about the scanning  
central axis.